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SUBJ: INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: PROGRESS ON CONSTITUTION

REF: ISLAMABAD 2459; ISLAMALAT 2594

1. CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY RECESSED MARCH 29 AFTER COMPLETING CLAUSE-BY-CLAUSE CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTION. FINAL APPROVAL OF SOME 35 ARTICLES (OF 280), AS WELL AS OATHS OF OFFICE, LEGISLATIVE LISTS, LIST OF CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED LAWS ISSUED UNDER MARTIAL LAW, AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF JUDGES HAS BEEN DEFERRED AS CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO ABSENT OPPOSITION AND REMAINS FOR LATER ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION. DURING PAST WEEK GOP MODIFIED NUMBER OF PROVISIONS OBJECTED TO BY POLITICAL OPPOSITION. AMONG CHANGES WERE: DROPPING OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION TO POLITICAL PARTIES ACT; ADDING PROVISIONS TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE HIGH AND SUPREME COURT JUDGES; VESTING COMMAND OF MILITARY SERVICES IN PRESIDENT RATHER THAN PRIME MINISTER. ASSEMBLY DESIGNATED AUGUST 14, 1973, AS DATE ON WHICH NEW CONSTITUTION WILL COME INTO FORCE.

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2. ALSO DURING WEEK, SIX PEOPLES' PARTY (PPP) MEMBERS AND TWO EXPELLED PPP MEMBERS ANNOUNCED THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OPPOSITION BOYCOTT. ASIDE FROM PPP AND GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTING QAIYUM MUSLIM LEAGUE MEMBERS, NINE MEMBERS FROM NON- GOVERNMENT PARTIES HAVE CONTINUED TO ATTEND SESSION (THREE FROM COUNCIL LEAGUE, TWO FROM CONVENTION, THREE FROM JAMIATUL- ULEMA- I- PAKISTAN AND ONE FROM JAMIATUL- ULEMA- I- ISLAM.) IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT BHUTTO' S OFFER TO MEET WITH OPPOSITION ASSEMBLY LEADERS APRIL 2, ASSEMBLY WILL PRESUMABLY NOT RECONVENE UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER THAT DATE. DECON APRIL 30,1973
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